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Agenda item 91: Macroeconomic policy questions (*continued*)

(a) Trade and development (*continued*)

Agenda item 97: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (*continued*)

The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Agenda item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council (*continued*) (A/C.2/53/L.39)

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.39: Public administration and development

1. **Mr. Agona** (Uganda), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.39, said that the draft had been the subject of consensus and that Mauritania and Tunisia should be added to the list of sponsors. He recommended to the Committee that it should adopt the draft resolution without a vote.

2. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.39 was adopted.*

Agenda item 92: Sectoral policy questions (*continued*) (A/C.2/53/L.6, A/C.2/53/L.7/Rev.1 and A/C.2/53/L.41)

(a) Business and development (*continued*)

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.7/Rev.1: Actions against corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions

3. **Mr. Özügergin** (Turkey), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.7/Rev.1, which had been the subject of consensus, and noted that Armenia, Colombia and Poland had become sponsors of the draft.

4. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.7/Rev.1 was adopted.*

5. **Ms. Figuera** (Venezuela) noted with satisfaction that the draft resolution had been sponsored by 47 countries, including both developed and developing countries. The consensus achieved on the text showed that there was a widespread interest within the international community in actions against corruption, and also illustrated the great benefits that could be derived from joint efforts. She hoped that the same spirit of solidarity would prevail with respect to all the questions to be considered by the Committee. She also drew attention to an error in the English version of the draft resolution: in the fifth preambular paragraph, the word "Nothing" should be replaced by "Noting".

(b) Industrial development cooperation (*continued*)

Draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.6 and L.41: Industrial development cooperation

6. **Mr. Özügergin** (Turkey), Vice-Chairman, said that the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.6 had made it possible to arrive at a consensus on new draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.41, thanks to the flexibility shown by all delegations. He drew attention to a drafting change, the addition of a fourth preambular paragraph that would read as follows: "Taking note of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) transmitted by the note of the Secretary-General, ...".

7. **Mr. Ouattara** (Côte d'Ivoire) said that a footnote should be inserted to specify the symbol of the document transmitted by the Secretary-General, and that in paragraph 7, line 2, of the English version, the word "including" should be inserted before the word "market-based".

8. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.41, as orally amended, was adopted.*

9. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.6 was withdrawn by its sponsors.*

10. **The Chairman** said that the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda item 92.

Agenda item 93: Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (*continued*) (A/C.2/53/L.12–14, L.19, L.33, L.35, L.40, L.42 and L.43)

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development (*continued*)

Draft resolutions C.2/53/L.12 and L.40: Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the revitalization of the economic growth and development of the developing countries and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

11. **Mr. Özügergin** (Turkey), Vice-Chairman, said that credit for the achievement of consensus on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.40, which had been drawn up following informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.12, was due largely to the Salvadoran delegation.

12. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.40 was adopted.*

13. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.*

14. **The Chairman** said that the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda item 93 (a).

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (*continued*)

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.13: Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

15. **Mr. Özügergin** (Turkey), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.13, which had been the subject of consensus, and thanked the Ukrainian delegation for its contribution. He drew the attention of the Committee to several changes: (1) Estonia, Monaco, San Marino and the United States of America should be added to the list of sponsors; (2) in the English version, in the fifth preambular paragraph, the phrase "are able to maintain" should be replaced by "have been more capable of maintaining"; (3) in the last preambular paragraph, the phrase "and have been adversely affected by" should be inserted before the word "volatile".

16. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.13, as orally amended, was adopted.*

17. **The Chairman** said that the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda item 93 (b).

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (*continued*)

Draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.19 and L.42: Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda

18. **Mr. Özügergin** (Turkey), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.42, which had been drawn up following informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.19; he noted that consensus had been achieved thanks mainly to Kenya.

19. **Ms. Kelley** (Secretary of the Committee) read out a statement of programme budget implications for draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.42. The conference-servicing requirements for the two-day meeting which the Commission on Human Settlements would hold in 1999 was estimated at full cost at $152,500. The actual requirements could be absorbed within the provisions approved for the holding of the seventeenth session of the Commission. Consequently, the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.42 would require no additional appropriation for the biennium 1998–1999. The requirements in relation to the meetings to be held during the biennium 2000–2001 would be dealt with in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium.

20. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.42 was adopted.*

21. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.19 was withdrawn.*

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (*continued*)

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.14: Globalization and liberalization of the world economy — prevention of the marginalization of weak or vulnerable economies

22. **Mr. Stevčeski** (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) said that, as efforts were currently being made to incorporate elements from draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.14 into draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.20, the sponsors of the first-mentioned draft planned to withdraw their text.

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (*continued*)

Draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.33 and L.43: Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

23. **Mr. Özügergin** (Turkey), Vice-Chairman, introducing draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.43, said that consensus had been reached on the text following the informal consultations which had been held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.33. He wished to thank the Egyptian delegation for its contribution.

24. *In the absence of objections, draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.43 was adopted.*

25. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.33 was withdrawn by its sponsors.*

26. **Mr. Maurer** (Observer for Switzerland) said that, over the previous few weeks, his delegation had pointed out on several occasions that Switzerland had participated, on the same basis as the States Members of the Organization, in all the major international conferences, including the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994. In accordance with the decisions adopted by that Conference, Switzerland had attached great importance to the implementation of the Programme of Action, both at the national level and within the framework of its cooperation for development activities, and had appropriated the resources needed for that purpose. The financial resources allocated to population programmes had risen from 11 million Swiss francs before the Conference to 18 million Swiss francs in 1997. During the same period, Switzerland's overall contribution to the United Nations Population Fund had steadily increased. In addition, Switzerland had always provided funds to facilitate the participation of representatives of developing countries,

especially the least developed among them, in activities that concerned them. It wished to be actively involved in the follow-up activities to the Conferences, including the special sessions of the General Assembly. Switzerland sought a flexible solution that would take its interests into account in a manner consistent with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in force. It was aware that the Assembly had already demonstrated such flexibility by adopting resolution 52/250, which concerned the participation of another observer in the work of the Organization, but a consensus had not been reached on a satisfactory formula. Switzerland regretted that failure and would draw the appropriate conclusions.

27. **The Chairman** said that he would shortly submit to the Committee, under agenda item 93 (f), a draft decision which would be issued as document A/C.2/53/L.45 on the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Population Fund.

(g) Cultural development (*continued*)

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.35: Cultural development

28. **Mr. Özügergin** (Turkey), Vice-Chairman, said that, thanks to the efforts of the Uruguayan delegation, a consensus had been reached on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.35. He wished to draw attention to two amendments to the text of the draft resolution: in operative paragraph 2, the word "Member" before the word "States" should be deleted and, in operative paragraph 4, the words "in consultation with the Director-General of UNESCO" should be inserted after "Secretary-General".

29. *In the absence of objections, draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.35 was adopted.*

30. **Mr. Rahmtalla** (Sudan) asked whether the text had been adopted as a draft submitted by the States members of the Group of 77 and China or as a document which had been revised by the Vice-Chairman.

31. **Mr. Hapsoro** (Indonesia) pointed out that, since the draft text had been amended, it should be officially submitted by the Vice-Chairman.

32. **The Chairman** said that he had no objections to proceeding in the manner just suggested. He took it that the secretariat would make the necessary arrangements.

33. **The Chairman** said that the Committee had thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 93 (f).

Agenda item 96: Training and research (*continued*)

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (*continued*)

Draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.32 and L.44: United Nations Institute for Training and Research

34. **Mr. Özügergin** (Turkey), Vice-Chairman, said that the informal consultations which had been held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.32 had permitted a consensus to be reached on the text of a new draft resolution, which was contained in document A/C.2/53/L.44. He wished to announce that Japan would have joined the list of co-sponsors of the draft resolution if the text had not been submitted by the Vice-Chairman. Also, an error in the French version of document A/C.2/53/L.44 needed to be corrected. In the sixth preambular paragraph, the words "pays en développement" should be replaced by the words "pays développés".

35. **Ms. Hawkins** (Australia) said that her delegation too would have liked to join the list of co-sponsors of the draft resolution when it was issued as document A/C.2/53/L.32.

36. **Ms. Béneke** (El Salvador) said that the Spanish version of the text should also be corrected by replacing the words "países en desarrollo" by "países desarrollados".

37. *In the absence of objections, draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.44, as amended, was adopted.*

38. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.32 was withdrawn by its sponsors.*

Agenda item 94: Environment and sustainable development (*continued*) (A/C.2/53/L.10)

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.10: Implementation of the United Nations conventions on environment and development

39. **Mr. Hapsoro** (Indonesia), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, said that draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.10 had been withdrawn by its sponsors.

Agenda item 114: Programme planning (*continued*) (A/53/16, A/53/6 (programmes 18, 20 and 28) and A/C.2/53/5)

40. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/C.2/53/5, which contained a letter from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee addressed to him. The Chairman of the Fifth Committee sought the Second Committee's views on the proposed revisions to programmes 18, 20 and 28 of the medium-term plan for the period

1998–2001. Delegations wishing to give their views on the subject could take the floor.

41. **Mr. Hidayat** (Indonesia) said that, following careful consideration of the revisions to the above-mentioned programmes which had been proposed by the Committee for Programme and Coordination, the Group of 77 and China had concluded that the proposed revisions were fully consistent with their views and were therefore able to endorse the recommendations.

42. **The Chairman** said that he would convey the views of the representative of Indonesia to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee in a letter, to which he would also attach a copy of the summary record of the Committee's current meeting and those of its thirty-sixth and thirty-ninth meetings, during which the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the United States of America and Japan had given their views. Lastly, he wished to draw the Committee's attention to document A/C.2/53/8, which referred to the issuance by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee of a letter concerning budgetary matters.

Agenda item 91: Macroeconomic policy questions (*continued*)

(a) Trade and development (*continued*)

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.34: Transit environment in landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours

43. **Mr. Ageyev** (Kazakhstan) announced that Mongolia had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.34.

Agenda item 97: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (*continued*)

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.22: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

44. **Ms. Krishna** (India) said that, had her delegation been present during the voting on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.22, it would have voted in favour.

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.